

Appendix 1

Project within Kent	Type	Amount of GPF loaned (£m)
Workspace Kent (Round 1 of GPF)	Commercial space / business support	1.5
Discovery Park (Round 1 of GPF)	Site Enabling Works	5.3
Live Margate (Round 1 of GPF)	Commercial space / business support	5
Javelin Way Development (Round 2 of GPF)	Commercial space / business support	1.597
No Use Empty Commercial Phase 1 (Round 2 of GPF)	Commercial space / business support	1
Wine Innovation Centre (Round 3 of GPF)	Innovation/R&D	0.6
Green Hydrogen Generation Facility (Round 3 of GPF) <i>(NB due to unforeseen technical issues around a supply of green energy, the project was unable to proceed)</i>	Energy	3.47
No Use Empty Commercial Phase 2 (Round 3 of GPF)	Commercial space / business support	2
Herne Relief Road (Round 3 of GPF)	Transport	3.5
No Use Empty Residential (Round 3 of GPF)	Housing	2.5
Total		26.467

Details of the some of the round 2 & 3 projects:

Wine Innovation Centre



£600k was lent to the East Malling Trust and NIAB EMR to create a wine innovation centre at the East Malling Estate.

This is the first UK research vineyard and supports Kent's wine sector to develop as a global leader in innovation. The GPF was used for ground and foundation works as well as the installation of utilities and services, construction and the fit-out of the building. 4 researcher jobs have been produced.

As a result of this project, NIAB and its research partners have now secured two research projects worth £524,000. The first project is entitled "Increasing productivity and sustainability in UK viticulture: investigating the potential impact of groundcover management practices on soil health, yields and juice quality, and emissions" and the second "Manipulating soil water and vine nitrogen availability to improve yields, juice, and wine quality".

A small experiment with WineGB comparing Spur pruned yields and grape quality to Cane pruned vines (3 varieties - Chardonnay, Pinot noir and Bacchus) started in April 24. This is the first time WineGB have contributed any funding for research.

There has been a recent Vine and Wine discovery day which many producers and growers attended. This was to show what capabilities the centre has and to drive forward the ambition to create a viticulture centre of excellence on Kent. A new club has been launched to provide vineyard managers and staff with access to emerging innovative research. This will bridge the gap between viticulture plant science and practical application.

Javelin Way



£1.597m was lent to Kent County Council to develop the Javelin Way, for employment use, with a focus on the development of Ashford's creative economy.

The Project consists of two elements: the construction of a 'creative laboratory' production space (a new build two storey dance school) and the development of 29 light industrial units, including external works and new electrical sub-station.

The project has been successful in that all 29 units have been let or sold. The development has become a creative hub, with the Jasmin Vardimon Company occupying the creative laboratory and Kent Music separately deciding to move into units at the site. The intention is that 311 jobs will be delivered over 10 years. A survey of the businesses occupying the site is due to happen next year to ascertain the job numbers delivered to date.

No Use Empty Commercial Phase 1 & 2 and No Use Empty Residential



£5.5m (split into three tranches) was lent to Kent County Council so they could run their No Use Empty programme.

The No Use Empty Initiative seeks to improve the physical urban environment in Kent by bringing empty properties back into use as high-quality housing accommodation or as commercial premises and by raising awareness of the issues surrounding empty properties, highlighting the problems they cause to local communities. This objective is achieved through the provision of short-term secured loans (up to 3 years) to property owners.

The GPF loan allowed the No Use Empty team to focus on commercial premises for the first time. The GPF was targeted at town centres, where secondary retail and other commercial areas have been significantly impacted by changing consumer demand and have often been neglected as a result of larger regeneration schemes.

By the end of the loan period, it is expected that 177 homes and 120 jobs will have been delivered.

These photographs show one of their commercial properties brought back into use in Sandgate, Folkestone.



Herne Relief Road



£3.5m was lent to Kent County Council to build the Herne Relief Road supporting the construction of c. 2,500 new homes in Canterbury

The project has delivered two new roundabout junctions, one at the junction between Bullockstone Road and A291 Canterbury Road and one to the north of the junction between Bullockstone Road and Lower Herne Road to connect into the proposed developer spine road. The carriageway has been widened to 7m and includes the provision of a shared 2m Footway/Cycleway throughout the entire extent of the scheme. Over 300 trees have been replanted as part of the works alongside the creation of two new attenuation ponds.

GPF was needed to forward fund this infrastructure, as the developer contributions would only be paid to Kent County Council once the housing was delivered, not beforehand.

To date, 932 houses and 345 jobs have been delivered because of this project.